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**Leominster Conservation Commission
Public Meeting
25 West St, Room 10
June 14, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

I. In attendance:

Kelley Freda – Chairperson	Marco Bangrazi - Conservation Agent / Environmental Inspector
Daniel Brodeur	
Paul Colombo	
Larry Gianakis, Jr.	Absent
Scott Pearson	

II. The meeting is opened at **7:01pm**.

III. Hearings:

7:00 PM Pursuant to MGL CH 131 § 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability by New England Apple Products Co., for the installation of a 5500 gallon storage tank and associated 10' x 10' concrete pad within the 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Address 320 Industrial Rd., Map 255, Lot 32.

1. Steve Rowse from New England Apple Products Co. represents the project.
2. Steve explains where the wetland exists and where he would like to install a 5500 gallon storage tank. There is at least 50 feet from the concrete pad to the Wetland. Steve is here for a DOA.
3. Freda asks if any other Commissioners have any questions at this time.
4. Colombo asks if there is monitoring that is done by computer when no one is there. The answer is no.
5. Pearson asks about the intermittent stream up-hill from the tank. Brodeur says the map shows uphill in the front of the building and downhill in the back. That is correct says Steve.
6. Brodeur says if the tank lets go it will likely head toward the brook. How acidic is the cider. The answer is between 3.3 and 3.6 pH is the acidity of the cider.
7. Freda asks will it be visibility inspected daily. Steve says juice in and out is metered. And tank is visible by workers using door daily. Door is open and tank is checked for cleaning. Any failures will be obvious.
8. Pearson asks how often is the tank full. Steve says it is seasonal. It is likely filled in the morning and emptied by end of production day.
9. Brodeur asks about fork trucks and the like...Steve says no there are not those types of vehicles on site.



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10. Brodeur would like to see protection around the tank in case of something happening with the tank. Steve says this is do-able. It can be done.
11. Freda asks if the tank is a single wall tank. Steve explains it is more significant than that.
12. Freda asks if there are any members of the audience who wish to speak on this public hearing.
13. Freda asks again a second and third time if there are any members of the audience who wish to speak on this public hearing.
14. Freda asks if there is any objection to closing the public meeting. There are none. The public meeting is closed as of **7:11 pm**.
15. Bangrazi recommends a negative three determination with the following added conditions:
 - a. Straw waddles to encompass the limit of work
 - b. Installation of jersey barriers or bollards around the tank area project upon completion.
 - c. 24-hour notice to the Conservation Agent prior to start of construction
16. Brodeur makes a motion for a negative three determination for Address 320 Industrial Rd., Map 255, Lot 32 with the added conditions from the Conservation Agent along with his (Brodeur's) added request. Pearson seconds the motion. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

7:05 PM Pursuant to MGL CH 131 § 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent by the City of Leominster DPW for the rehabilitation of approximately 3,000 feet of North Street. The project will include multi-modal transportation upgrades and improvements to stormwater management structures within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

1. Gene Crouch (Sr. Environmental Scientist) and Heather Fuller (Project Manager) from VHB represent the project.
2. The plans are shown on the overhead projector.
3. Start Lunenburg town line, head east and you come into a Wetland system (intermittent stream). The next Wetland is across from Stuart Ave. This wetland area will not be touched. The third resource area will not be touched. At the very east end of the project is Route 13.
4. Gene explains red line, gray line, darker line, heavy dash line, limit of grading and existing right of way on the plans.
5. Gene shows the planned detention basin. It will be lined. The contractor will need to get borings. It is not a full detention basin but it does treat the water.
6. Pearson asks about the elevations on the two different pipes. The answer is one foot difference.
7. Freda asks about the maintenance of the basin. It will be the City's responsibility.
8. Freda asks about the bio retention area and will it take water from the Wetland next to it. The answer is no.
9. Freda asks about deep sump catch basins
10. Colombo asks about the culvert that was looked at and will not be replaced. He asks is there a plan to look at it for repair. The answer is no.



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11. Freda asks if there are any members of the audience who wish to speak on this public hearing.
12. Freda asks again a second and third time if there are any members of the audience who wish to speak on this public hearing.
13. Freda keeps the public meeting open until the next meeting.
14. Bangrazi has a comment from the DPW. They comment that the slope is steep for them to get into the detention basin for maintenance. Gene agrees that yes DPW will have to go down the slope to maintain. Site conditions did not allow for easier access or maintenance. Freda asks Bangrazi to clarify with DPW about maintenance.
15. Brodeur asks what is the timeline of this project. The answer is construction will begin spring of 2017.
16. Pearson makes a motion to continue the hearing for the City of Leominster DPW for the rehabilitation of approximately 3,000 feet of North Street until the next meeting. Colombo seconds the motion. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order **at 7:42pm.**
2. Enforcement
 - a. 375 Harvard Street – DEP File #199-781 (Expired 9/13/15). Bangrazi has a preliminary as-built plan. He got an email from the Engineers today. There will be a Botanist on-site next week. The Engineers believe that there is less Wetland disturbed than what is shown on the plans. The Botanist will confirm this. Freda would like to hold off for a few more weeks to get more information. All agree. This enforcement will be placed on the next meeting agenda.
 - b. 4 Sawyer Way – Driveway Expansion – DEP file #199-855. (Expired 11/29/14). Brodeur announces that his brother is the direct abutter of this project. An "Interception swale" was filled in when the property owner installed a new driveway area explains Bangrazi. Freda asks if Bangrazi has contacted the home owners. The answer is that he has tried but has not been successful in speaking with them. Colombo asks how far down slope before level off. Bangrazi says 7 feet. Pearson asks Bangrazi to look for plans before the next meeting and then Gianakis will also be at the meeting to offer any history that he knows of. Bangrazi will do so.
3. Communications, there are none at this time.
4. Minutes, there are none at this time.
5. Old Business, there is none at this time.
6. New Business
 - a. Bassett Street – No parking signage (Unaccepted Street). The City does not own it. It is conservation land. They are concerned about a fire lane where people are



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parking. This is a petition to City Council for signs explains Freda. The Conservation Commission would like to see signs.

- i. Pearson makes a motion to petition City Council for the placement of no parking signage on the westerly side of Basset Street. Brodeur seconds it. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.
 - b. 185 Samoset Drive – Plan Change – DEP File #199-1026.
 - i. The project manager (Brian Carlson) would like to present a change to the plan. He explains the planned house is 16 feet shorter. It will be a smaller footprint than the last plan shown. A smaller house means the garage has to come in from the side. Nothing is closer to the Wetland than what was approved. Freda says this is a minor change. Brodeur makes a motion for DEP 199-1026 to be recognized as a minor change as shown on the as-built plans. Pearson seconds the motion. The motion is unanimously approved by the Commission.
 - c. Heron Way – Dead Tree Removal from Monoosnuc Brook Spillway. Freda asks Bangrazi to call upon Mosquito control. He will do so.
7. Certificate of Compliance, there are none at this time.
 8. Extension Permits, there are none at this time.
 9. Emergency Certifications, there are none at this time.
 10. Project Update Requests. Heron Way is inquired about. Bangrazi gives positive updates and says the area looks good. Colombo asks about the stockpiles outside of the buffer. Bangrazi will look at this.
11. Budget
 - i. Deposits made is \$7,016.50 in FY16.
 - ii. Total account balance is \$61,280.52.
12. Agent's Report, there is not one at this time.
 13. Chairman's Report, there is not one at this time.
 14. Sign Papers
 15. Next Meeting
 - a. June 28, 2016. Deadline, June 16, 2016
 16. Adjournment at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Pellecchia, Conservation Scribe



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The interests identified in the Wetland Protection Act

- (1) Protection of public and private water supply*
- (2) Protection of ground water supply*
- (3) Flood control*
- (4) Storm damage protection*
- (5) Prevention of pollution*
- (6) Protection of land containing shellfish*
- (7) Protection of fisheries*
- (8) Protection of wildlife habitat*
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